

**APRIL 26, 2006 MEETING**

**374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present**

Renée Campbell, President  
Steven Afriat, Vice President  
Diana Wood, Secretary  
James Barger  
Martha-Molina Aviles

**County Representatives**

Joyce M. Aiello, County Counsel  
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax  
Brandi Moore, County Counsel

**Commission Services Staff**

Sandra Barbee  
Nyla Jefferson

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Applicants and witnesses were sworn to testify truthfully.

**MINUTES**

**ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of April 19, 2006 – Approved**

**Motion: Secretary Wood, seconded by Vice President Afriat**

**Ayes: Commissioners Afriat, Molina-Aviles and Wood**

**Abstention: Commissioners Barger and Campbell**

**Vote: Duly carried**

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES**

Brandi Moore, County Counsel, announced that the amendment to Title 7, adding the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance, will be addressed at the Board of Supervisors' May 9, 2006 public hearing. At that meeting, the zoning ordinance on

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries amending Title 22 will also be addressed. Ms. Moore introduced Joyce Aiello, County Counsel; she is the principal writer of the amendment to Title 7.

They both spoke on the following amendments to Title 7:

- The owner of the dispensary and manager(s) must obtain their license prior to opening.
- The conditional use permit (CUP) is issued prior to opening the business.
- The owner and the manager(s) licenses are non transferable to other dispensaries or manager(s).
- Major or minor CUPs may be issued to the proprietor.
- Dispensaries are prohibited from being within a 1,000-foot radius of other dispensaries, youth and children facilities, parks, residential areas, and libraries, etc.
- The suggested hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
- Sale of alcohol and consumption on the premises are prohibited.
- Marijuana, paraphernalia, edibles (with public eating license), and plant cuttings may be sold on the premises.
- Security includes security cameras and a licensed security guard at all times.
- A separate room is required for smoking with adequate ventilation, supervision, seating and restrooms.
- The County's Sheriff's Department, Health Department, and zoning officers have the authority to ensure compliance with the regulations.
- There are two existing dispensaries located in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.
- I.D. cards for patients are optional. I.D. cards for caregivers are required and are issued by the County Health Department.
- In a single year, if two violations of any provision in Title 7 occur, the license must be revoked. One violation allows cross examination and an opportunity to provide a preponderance of evidence. The Commission will determine if one or two violations transpired.
- Contract Cities may adopt only a portion or the entire ordinance.
- A physician can administer a recommendation to permit the purchase and use of marijuana. The Federal Government prohibits a physician from writing prescriptions for marijuana.

The Commission suggested that each marijuana dispensary client is handed a written warning about the use of the drug and its impairments. Commissioner Molina-Aviles asked County Counsel to determine if the license is obligated to uphold the provisions stated in the American with Disabilities Act.

President Campbell thanked Brandi Moore and Joyce Aiello for their very informative presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brandi Moore, County Counsel, reported that she will be absent next week and Nancy Takade will represent her at the meeting.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** There were none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA:** Vice President Afriat requested an update from County Counsel on the Board of Supervisors' public hearing. The hearing is to seek approval of the amendment to Title 7, the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance, which is scheduled for May 9, 2006.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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Renée Campbell  
President